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1. US TRADE DELEGATION RECEIVED WARMLY IN PEKING

A DELEGATION FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR US-CHINA TRADE (NCUSCT), NOW VISITING CHINA, HAS RECEIVED A WARM WELCOME FROM THE CHINESE, ACCORDING TO USLO PEKING. IN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS THE NCUSCT INDICATED TO THEIR CHINESE COUNTERPARTS THEY HOPED TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES, PRINCIPALLY THE EXCHANGE OF TRADE MISSIONS. THE CHINESE WERE CLEARLY IMPRESSED BY THE EXCELLENT NCUSCT PRESENTATION, BUT HAVE NOT YET SHOWN HOW RESPONSIVE THEY WILL BE. (CONFIDENTIAL) PEKING 1341, 11/6.

2. CANADA CONSIDERS TIGHTER CONTROLS ON ENERGY

EMBASSY OTTAWA HAS LEARNED FROM AN OFFICIAL OF THE NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD (NEB) THAT CANADA IS CONSIDERING TWO MEASURES TO TIGHTEN CONTROL OVER ITS ENERGY RESOURCES. FIRST, OTTAWA IS "SERIOUSLY DEBATING" THE FORMATION OF A NATIONAL ENERGY CORPORATION WHICH WOULD TAKE UNDER ITS CONTROL A WIDE RANGE OF ENERGY RESOURCES INCLUDING URANIUM, HEAVY WATER PRODUCTION, OIL, AND GAS. SECOND, THE NEB
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SOURCE PREDICTS THAT THE CANADIAN EXPORT TAX ON OIL TO THE US WILL PROBABLY BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER INCREASES AFTER DECEMBER. (CONFIDENTIAL) OTTAWA 2634 AND 2635, 11/5.

3. EAST BANK JORDANIANS MORE HAWKISH

EMBASSY AMMAN REPORTS THAT THERE IS A CONTINUING SLOW BUT PERCEPTIBLE CHANGE IN THE ATTITUDES OF EAST BANK JORDANIANS AWAY FROM AN EARLIER DETERMINATION TO AVOID HOSTILITIES WITH ISRAEL. TRADITIONAL EAST BANK LEADERS WHO HAVE BEEN THE MOST ISOLATIONIST IN JORDAN NOW WOULD NOT OPPOSE THE CONDITIONAL ENTRY OF JORDAN INTO A NEW WAR IF THE CEASE-FIRE BREAKS DOWN THROUGH ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE. THE FORMER FEAR OF ISRAELI POWER HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DISSIPATED BY THE RECENT WAR. (CONFIDENTIAL) AMMAN 5893, 11/6.

4. SCHEEL IN MOSCOW: GOOD VIBES BUT FEW RESULTS

IN AN FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY BRIEFING, EMBASSY BONN LEARNED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL'S TALK WITH SOVIET LEADERS IN MOSCOW FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON WEST BERLIN QUESTIONS AND BILATERAL PROBLEMS. THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE VISIT WAS GOOD, BUT THERE IS STILL SOME WAY TO GO BEFORE THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES ARE RESOLVED. THE GERMANS FEEL THE SOVIETS ARE INTENT ON IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH THE FRG BUT WILL GIVE NOTHING AWAY IN THE BERLIN OR BILATERAL AREAS. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 15983, 11/5.

5. KING VIEWS THAILAND'S FUTURE

KING BHUMIBHOL HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR UNGER IN BANGKOK THAT THAILAND FACES TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS. THE FIRST IS THE CONTROL AND DIRECTION OF THE "NEW LEFTISTS" AND OTHER STUDENTS INTO CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIVITIES. THE SECOND IS A CONCERN THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT MAY LACK THE STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION TO MAKE AND CARRY OUT THE TOUGH DECISIONS REQUIRED TO PUT THAILAND ON A NEW COURSE. HIS MAJESTY STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE US TO GIVE THE GOVERNMENT OUR FULL SUPPORT, BUT TO DO SO IN AN INCONSPICUOUS MANNER WHICH DOES NOT FUEL STUDENT SUSPICIONS OR RUN COUNTER TO
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